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Shanghai quarantines against Niuchwang on account of plague.

SHANGHAI, CHINA, *March 22, 1900.*

SIR: I beg to inform you that this port has quarantined against Niuchwang, as reliable information has reached us that the plague (bubonic) is again breaking out in that port.

Respectfully,

JOHN GOODNOW,
Consul-General.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port—The steamship Fulton.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April 21, 1900.*

SIR: The agitated state of this community, owing to the report that insurgent forces were advancing on this place from the Pacific coast, leads to some complications in the enforcement of the rules prescribed by the Marine-Hospital Service for the government of vessels while in fruit ports. The steamship *Fulton*, from New Orleans, and bound to that same port, arrived here on the 18th instant and it was desired by the authorities here to send the vessel to Colon with important government dispatches, there being no other vessel available. On being consulted I informed the fruit company that the trip to Colon and communication with the shore there would, in all probability, subject the *Fulton* to quarantine detention and disinfection at New Orleans. In spite of this warning the ship was sent with a government official on board, the captain receiving instructions to land him and to have no further communication with the shore. The *Fulton* returned to-day, after having regularly entered and cleared at Colon, the captain going ashore for that purpose. A clean bill of health was furnished by the United States consul at Colon. Dr. Jumel, the medical inspector of the Louisiana State board of health, has informed that body of the facts in the case, and will issue a certificate accordingly.

The *Fulton* will load fruit and will leave this port on the 22d instant, arriving at New Orleans on or about the 28th.

I have informed the agents of the vessel that I could only furnish a certificate in accordance with the facts. I inclose a copy of such certificate which, with the above facts, I respectfully submit.

Respectfully,

HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *April, 1900.*

SIR: This is to certify that I have examined the Norwegian steamship *Fulton*, Jakobsen master, which arrived April 18, 1900, from New Orleans, La., and which sails to-day for the port of New Orleans, La. Number of crew, including officers, 14; sanitary condition, good; number of passengers, none; cargo, bananas; sanitary condition, good. Sanitary condition of this port and surrounding territory is good, and no contagious or infectious disease prevails here.

The above-named vessel left this port, after having entered, and sailed for the port of Colon with 1 passenger on board, a Colombian official carrying Government dispatches. The said vessel was regularly entered and cleared at Colon, the master going ashore for that purpose. A clean bill of health was given by the United States Consul at Colon. At time of departure from this port the sanitary condition of the vessel, cargo, and crew is apparently good.